



**The Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways** together offer around 65km of steam-hauled narrow gauge lines, travelling coast to coast through the heart of the Snowdonia National Park.

**The iconic Ffestiniog Railway** boasts a passenger service that goes back to the mid-1800s and you will find history all around this famous little line, built to bring slate from the quarries of Blaenau Ffestiniog to the harbour at Porthmadog, from where it was shipped all over the world. Today, tourists have taken over from slate traffic but the journey to the sea remains as beautiful, snaking round twists and turns as trains cling to the valley side. Slate wagons may have been replaced by modern, comfortable carriages but most of our trains are still hauled by the legendary 'Double Fairlie' locomotives with a chimney at each end.

**The Welsh Highland Railway** is fast becoming a major player in the tourism arena in northern Snowdonia. Travelling from Caernarfon, beside the famous castle, it journeys to Porthmadog, crossing the lower slopes of Snowdon and passing through the village of Beddgelert, with the scenery changing at every turn. These trains are hauled by impressive Beyer-Garratts, the largest steam locomotives of this gauge in the world, and our carriages

have been built specially with the traveller in mind - each train also includes a First Class observation carriage and a kitchen car.

**Groups are welcome** on both railways - there are journeys of different lengths to suit your plans, such as one-way trips, making it easy to include either railway in a tour around the area.

**An on-train refreshment service is available** on both lines, with freshly-prepared hot and cold snacks also available on Welsh Highland trains. Pre-booked catering options are very popular with groups - so you can sit back and enjoy a meal while travelling through some of the best scenery in North Wales.

**Our brand new station at Caernarfon** opens in March 2019 and offers excellent facilities for groups at the start or end of their journey. Caffi De Winton offers light bites and great coffee with seating looking out to the castle and the Menai Straits beyond. At Porthmadog, Spooner's Café-Bar offers a wide range of meals and groups are welcome to pre-book.

**Please Note:** Both of our railways attract much attention, so advanced booking for group travel is strongly advised.

# FFESTINIOG & WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAYS

Harbour Station, Porthmadog, Gwynedd, LL49 9NF, UK



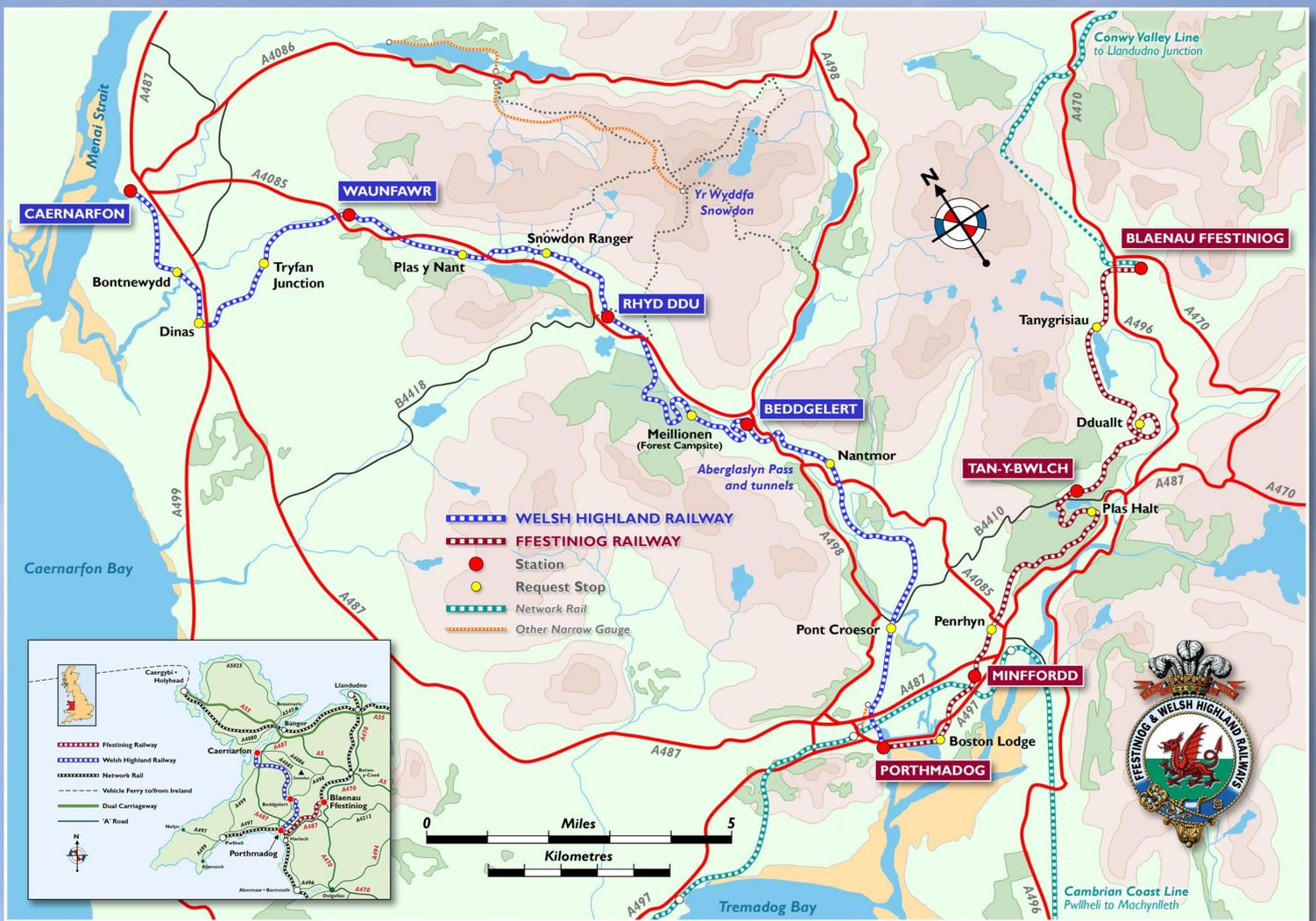
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**Useful Information:**

**Journey duration:**

Porthmadog - Blaenau Ffestiniog	1 hour 10 minutes
Porthmadog - Caernarfon	2 hours 10 minutes
Caernarfon - Rhyd Ddu	1 hour
Caernarfon - Beddgelert	1 hour 30 minutes

**Booking Procedure:**

Groups should generally consist of 20 or more passengers.

Smaller groups are welcome for First Class travel, if also having pre-booked refreshments.

A non-refundable deposit is required for all journeys, with the balance payable on arrival.

Travel can only be invoiced by prior arrangement.

All catering should be confirmed and paid for in full 14 days prior to travel (a 25% deposit is required at the time of booking)

**Cancellations and Non Arrivals:**

A charge of up to 100% of the outstanding balance may be incurred - as set out in our full terms and conditions.

**Independent Travel Arrangements:**

We are also pleased to deal with agents offering a booking service for individual clients as long as a formal arrangement is set up in advance and regular bookings are made.

**Accessibility:**

The railways have access statements which are available on our website. Groups with disabled travellers are welcome, but we request that you contact us in advance to discuss requirements of wheelchair users or those with limited mobility.

**Helping you:**

Our friendly Booking Office staff are happy to help with advice and further information for planning your visit. Several different languages are spoken in the office.

